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At-Risk Group Will be Focus of First Public H1N1 Clinic HealthNet Offering H1N1 Flu Vaccine at Six Sites Saturday

The Marion County Health Department will hold a H1N1 vaccination clinic on Thursday, October 22 at the Lafayette Square Shopping Mall, 3919 Lafayette Road, inside the former Steve and Berry's retail-clothing store.

The H1N1 vaccine will be provided at no charge.

The vaccination clinic will be held from 8 a.m. until Noon. This clinic is intended for:

- Women who are pregnant
- People who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months (parents, siblings and day care providers)
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact.
- Those ages 6 months to 24 years old
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have certain medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

“Those not in the at-risk groups are asked to wait for additional H1N1 vaccine to arrive. It is critically important that those in the at-risk group have the opportunity to be vaccinated first,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director, Marion County Health Department. Health department officials will screen those wanting an H1N1 vaccination to ensure they are in the at-risk group.

Individuals coming to the Lafayette Square H1N1 Flu Clinic should be prepared to fill out paperwork and stand in long lines. Those coming to the clinic should follow the direction of informational signage and health department staff.

The clinic will function on a first come, first serve basis and vaccinations will be offered until the end of the clinic or in the unlikely situation where the supply of vaccine is exhausted.